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For : PRODUCTION METHOD & PRODUCTION
SYSTEM FOR HOT ROLLED STRIP

Art Unit : 3725

Examiner : Edward Thomas Tolan

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S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed
February 20, 2008 the term for response to which expires on
May 20, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-16, 20
and 22-30 are amended; and claims 17-19, 21, 31 and 32 are
maintained.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.